(d) what relief measures the Central and State Government have taken to help these farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that there are no suicide deaths either on account of drought situation or on account of starvation.

(d) The Central Government released to Andhra Pradesh Central share of Rs. 107.09 crore for 1999-2000 and Rs. 77.78 crore for 2000-01 under Calamity Relief Fund and Rs. 75.36 crore during 1999-2000 under National Fund for Calamity Relief. In addition, the Government of India took other measures which include free transportation of fodder and water by the Railways to the drought/ scarcity affected areas of the State, allocation of foodgrains at BPL rates for distribution in the drought affected areas, provision of maximum support by the RBI for conversion of short-term production loans into mid-term loans for drought affected areas, release of funds by NABARD from Rural Infrastructure Development Fund. The State Government had also reportedly taken measures for employment generation, fodder contingency programme, steps for making available drinking water and opening of cattle camps and fodder depots for the benefit of cattle.

Loss of Crops

497. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of loss in crops in the drought affected States;

(b) steps being taken to check such calamities;

(c) the details of schemes/projects being undertaken to tackle such drought;

(d) the estimated amount on each project; and

(e) the fund released/to be released till completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (e) Natural calamity like drought to affect crops. During 1999-2000, drought situation reportedly prevailed in 11 States and affected crops in varying degrees. Central share of Calamity Relief Fund is released to the States every year for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities.

There are ongoing schemes/programmes like Drought Prone Areas Programme, Desert Development Programme, Integrated Wastelands Development Programme and National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Areas, implemented by different Central Ministries/Departments to tackle drought as a long-term measure. Details of releases/allocation under these schemes for 2000-01 are given in the annexed statement.

Statement

Allocation/Releases under various schemes/programmes during 2000-01

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	State	DPAP (Release)	DDP (Release)	IWDP (Release)	NWDPRA (Allocation)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15.56	—	2.26	9.00
2.	Gujarat	6.17	8.91	3.22	23.00
3.	Himachal Pradesh	—	—	—	3.50
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	—	0.15
5.	Karnataka	—	—	—	21.00
6.	Madhya Pradesh	0.99	—	—	25.00
7.	Manipur	—	—	—	3.00
8.	Mizoram	—	—	—	4.50
9.	Rajasthan	0.91	12.69	0.50	40.00

S. No.	State	DPAP (Release)	DDP (Release)	IWDP (Release)	NWDPRA (Allocation)
10.	Tripura	—	—	—	3.50
11.	West Bengal	—	—	—	7.50

DPAP=Drought Prone Areas Programme

DDP = Desert Development Programme

IWDP = Integrated Wastelands Development Programme

NWDPRA = National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed areas.

Animal Feed

498. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that growing livestock population and falling raw material availability are likely to put pressure on India's animal feed supplied and prices in year 2000;

(b) if so, whether there is any shortage of groundnut cake, sunflower cake and rapeseed meal in the country as crushers are keeping their shops closed due to low prices and surgin edible oil imports from Malaysia, Argentina and Brazil;

(c) if so, the total demand and supply of animal feeds at present; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to meet the demand of animal feeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) There would be reduced pressure on supply of animal feed and prices due to increased availability of raw materials for the feed and concentrates, as the increase in the livestock population is marginal.

(b) Yes, Sir.

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